

Implications for a System of Care in Hawai'i for Youth Involved in the Justice System and Substance Use

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Learning Objectives

- Describe elevated impact of substance use on youth who are justice system-involved based on national and local data, with attention to ethno-racial health disparities
- Describe current system of care for youth involved in the justice system and substance use in Hawai‘i
- Identify promising community- and culture-based substance use interventions for vulnerable youth in Hawai‘i
- Describe recommended improvements to the Hawai‘i system of care for youth involved in the justice system and substance use in Hawai‘i





ADAD State Plan for a System of Care

The goal of this project is to assist ADAD in updating its state plan, which states the division's "efforts are designed to promote a statewide culturally appropriate, comprehensive system of substance use services to meet the treatment and recovery needs of individuals and families and to address the prevention needs of communities."

Data Analytics Core

UH Pacific Health Analytics Collaborative

Culture Case Study Core

Native Hawaiian Culture Case Study, Puni Ke Ola project

System of Care Implications Core

UH Department of Psychiatry & Chapter Leads

Emerging Adult Treatment Needs Assessment

UH Department of Psychiatry



SoC Chapters

The SoC Implications Core includes a set of reports which discuss the Systems of Care for the intersection of substance use and public sector or specific populations

Substance Use & Public Sector

Mental Health

Homelessness

Criminal Justice

Juvenile Justice

Violence (IPV, DV, CAN)

Substance Use & Populations

Rural

Native Hawaiian

Sexual & Gender
Minorities

Pregnant & Parenting
Women

Primary Care Integration

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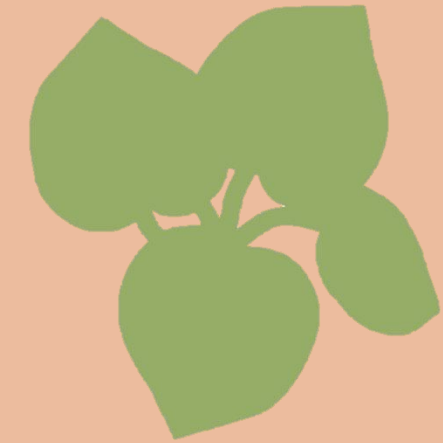
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Youth involved in the
justice system had

5x

higher rates of
substance use
than other youth in the US

**Justice system-involved youth
have elevated rates of
substance use.**

Statewide students

11%

probable Substance Use Disorder
(2019-20 survey)

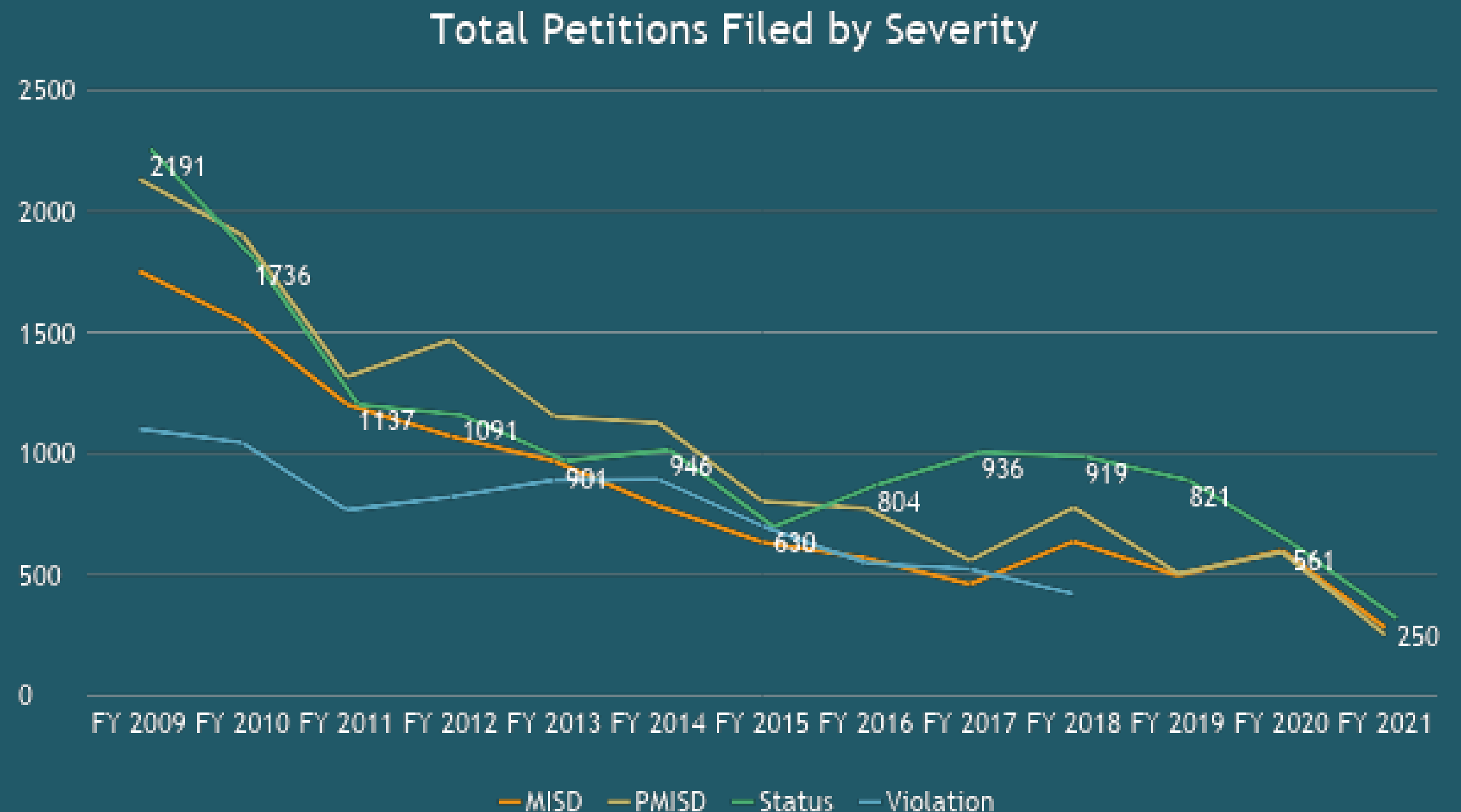
HYCF releases

84%

diagnosed Substance Use Disorder
(2014-19 census)

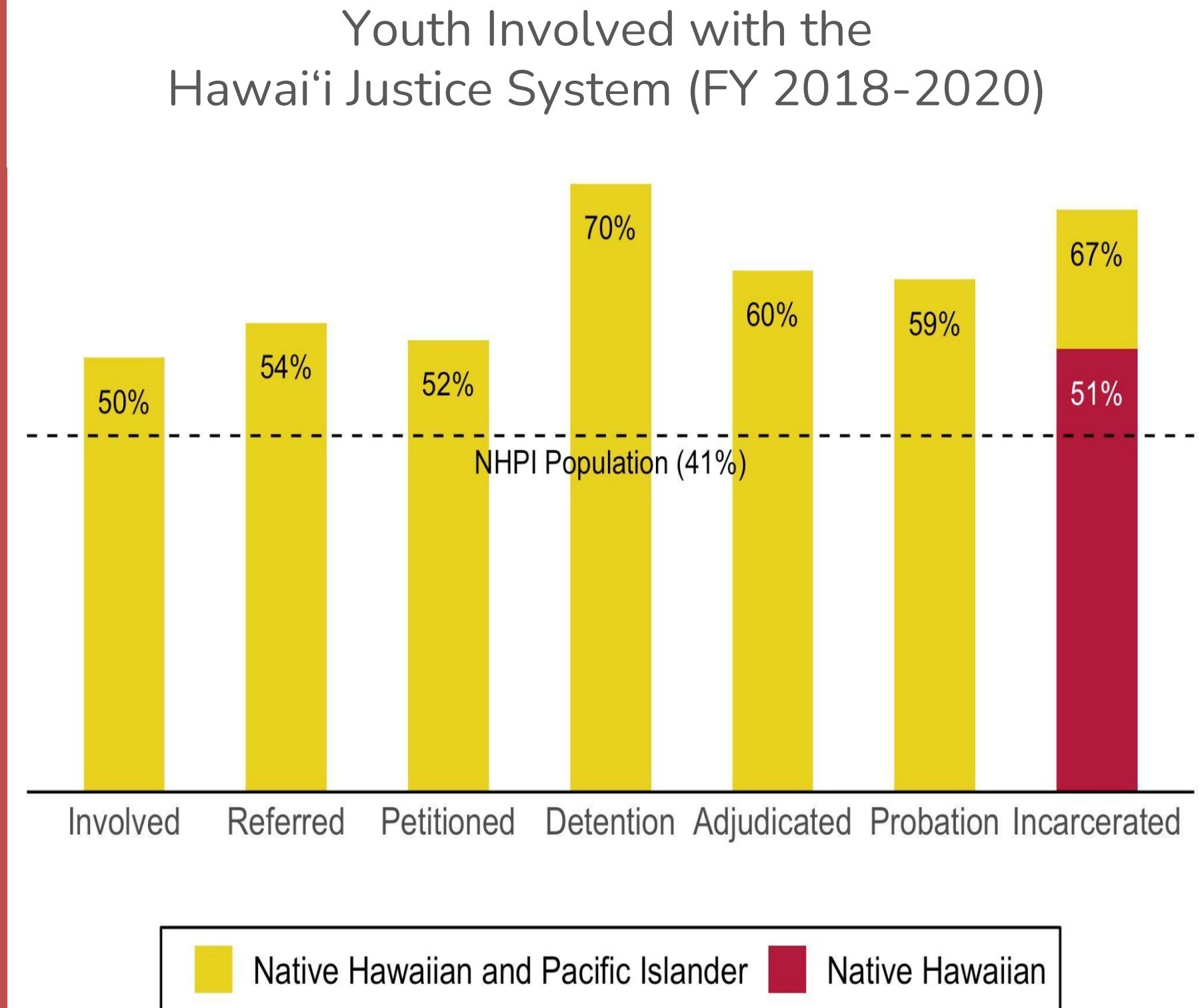
A Decade of Juvenile Justice Reforms

Hawai'i has significantly reduced the number of justice-involved youth



Kassebaum et al, 1995; Umemoto et al, 2012;
Data Source: Department of the Attorney General, JJIS

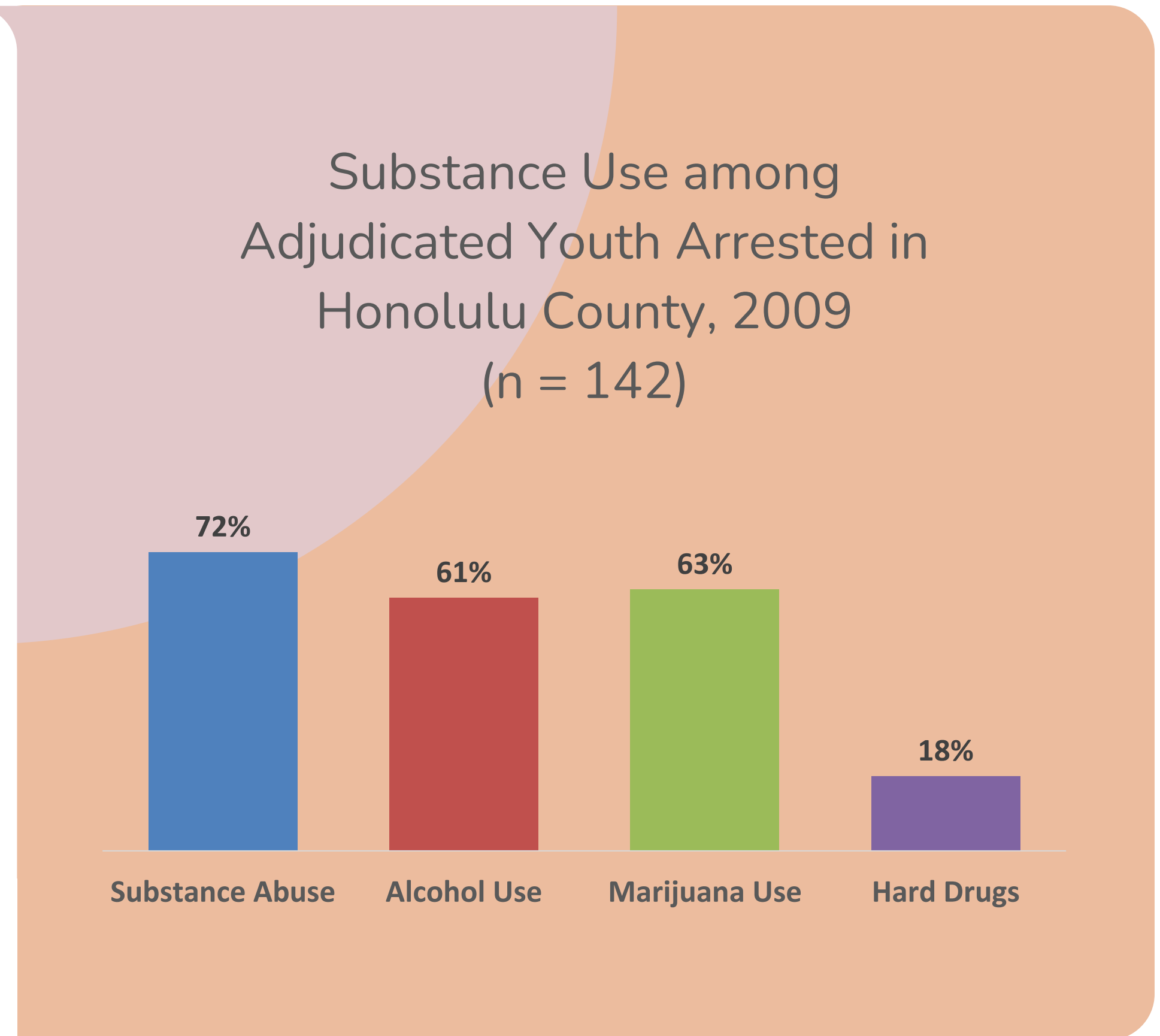
Even though the numbers have decreased, the “overrepresentation” of Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander youth in the justice system persists



Kassebaum et al, 1995; Umemoto et al, 2012

Data: State of Hawaii Juvenile Justice Information Systems, 2022. Five-year pooled American Community Survey census data for 2015–19.

No statistically significant differences found between Native Hawaiians and other ethnic groups for substance use among system-involved youth.



Umemoto et al, 2012

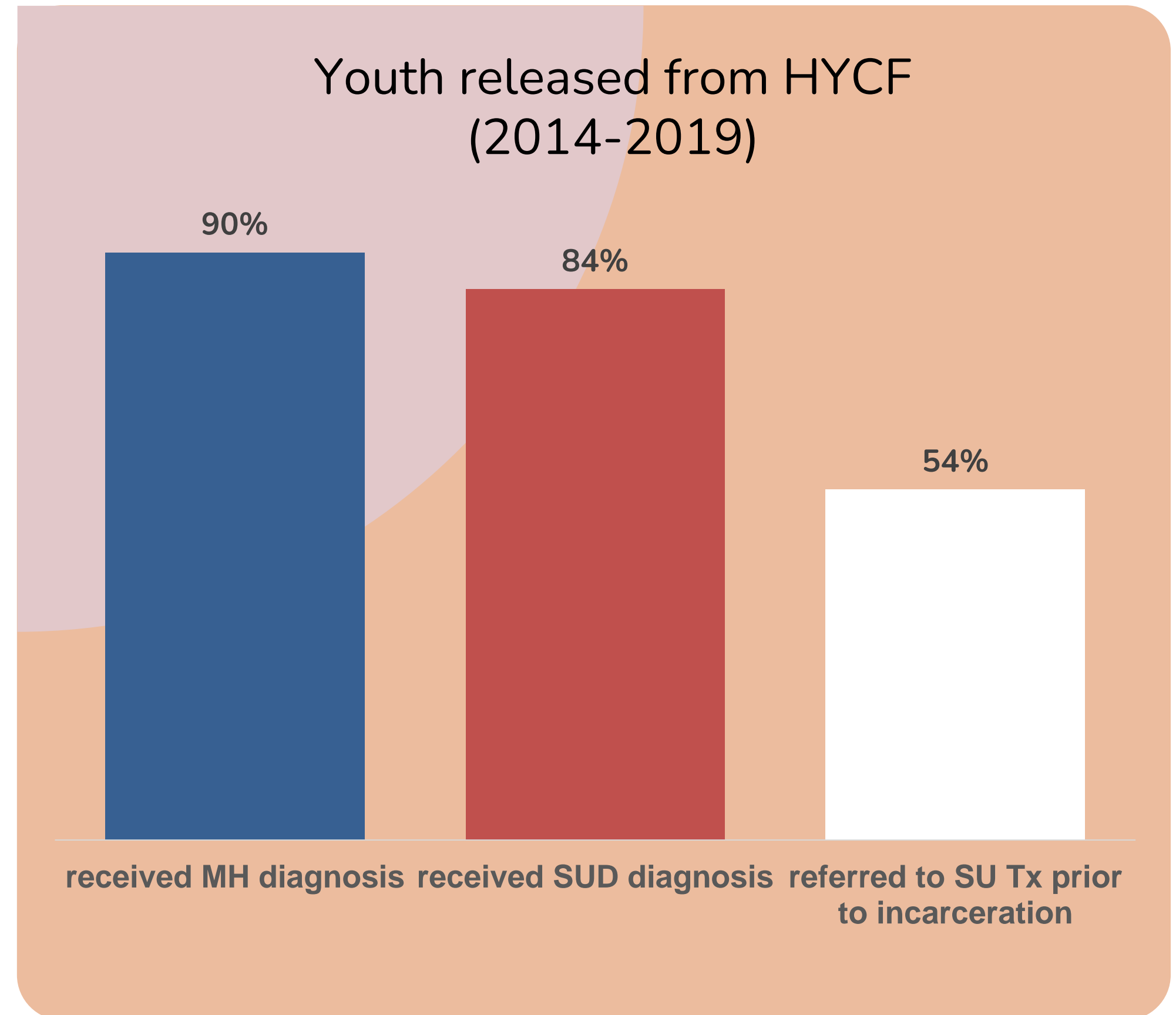
Note: "Hard Drugs" include methamphetamines, heroin, ecstasy and other dangerous substances.

Source: Hawai'i State Judiciary, Family Court, 1st Circuit, Case Files; Random Sample from 644 total juveniles adjudicated for arrests occurring in 2009



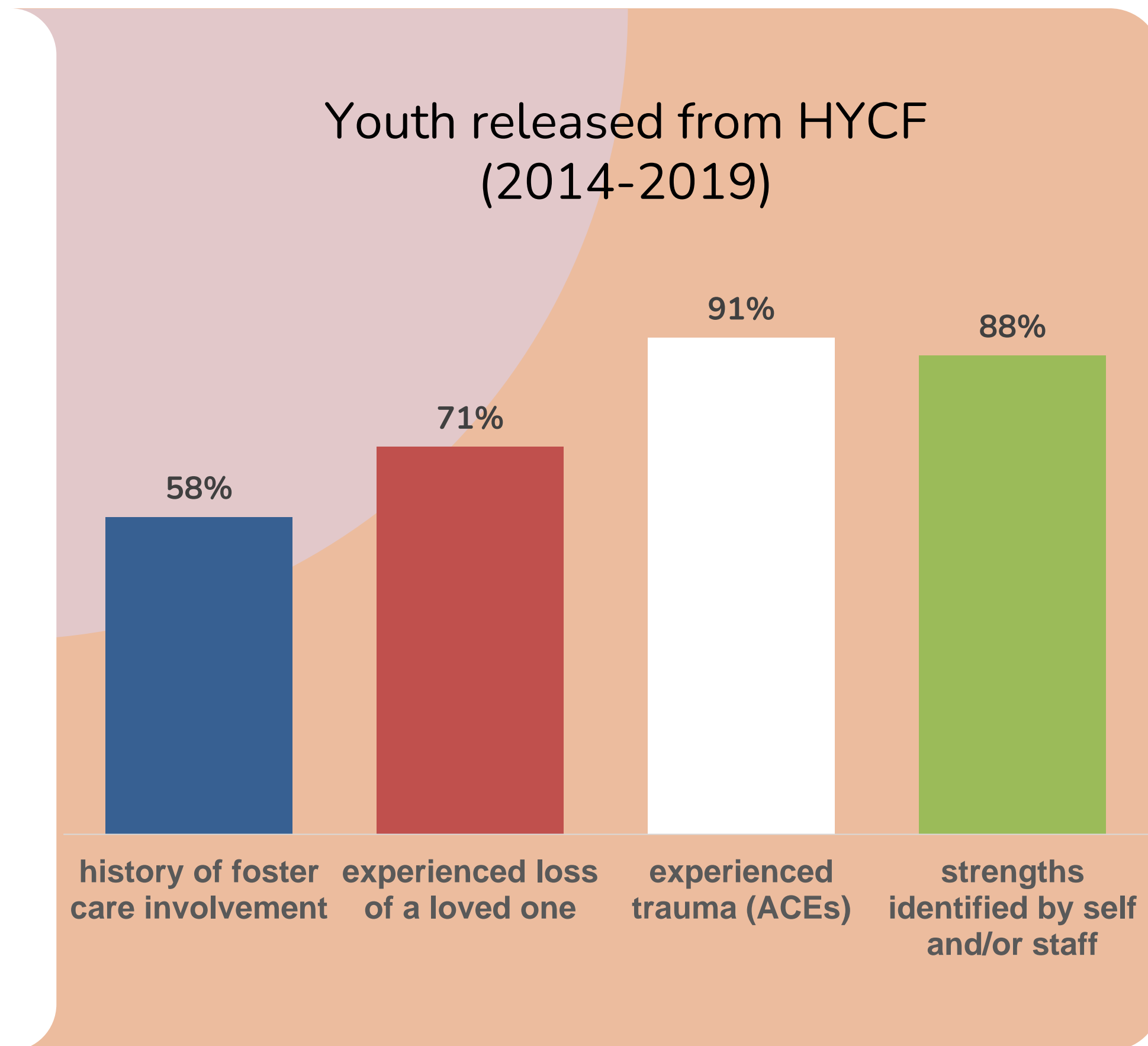
For vulnerable youth, the justice system is provider of last resort.

Substance use services prior to adjudication and/or out-of-home placement are available, but referrals and participation tend to be inconsistent.



Need to get to the roots of the problem by directly addressing the trauma that many of these youths have experienced and by creating restorative pathways for healing – internally and with relations important to them and their future success in life.

There are many strengths to build upon!



Youth Strengths

Youth involved in the justice system show remarkable strengths in the face of deep challenges.

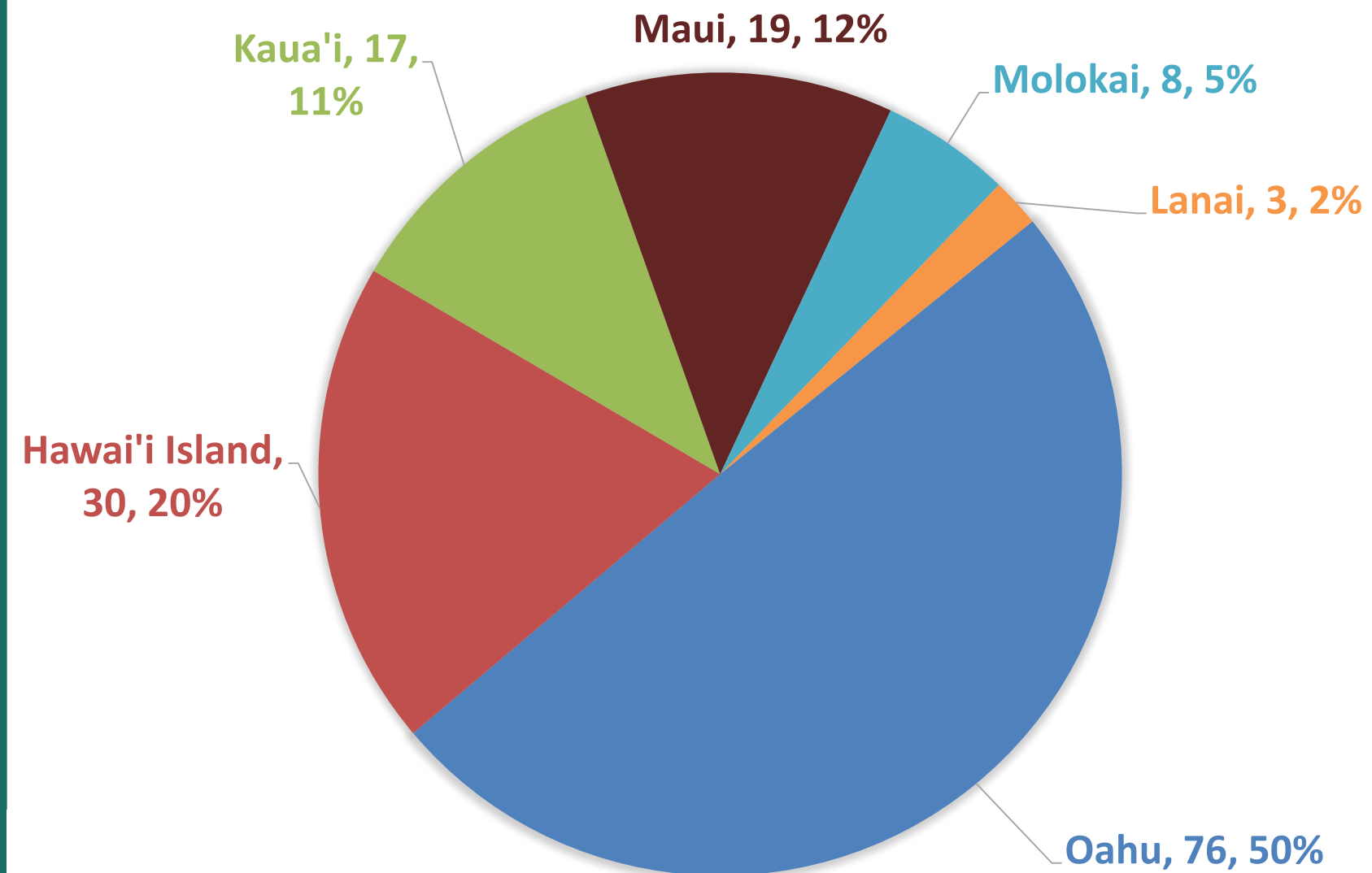
respect
love for family
appreciation of culture
self-motivation
sense of humor
artistic ability
...and many other
positive attributes and
gifts



Hawai'i System of Care

Statewide access
to care for youth
and young adults

ORGANIZATIONS PROVIDING
SUBSTANCE USE SERVICES TO YOUTH
BY ISLAND (2019)



Youth Justice System & System of Care



Prevention

- School-based (behavioral health + other programs)
- Community-based activities
- CAMHD services
- Hawaii CARES



Arrest & Court Referral

- + Optional referral for Substance Use Assessment
- + Optional referral to positive youth development or family support programs



Probation

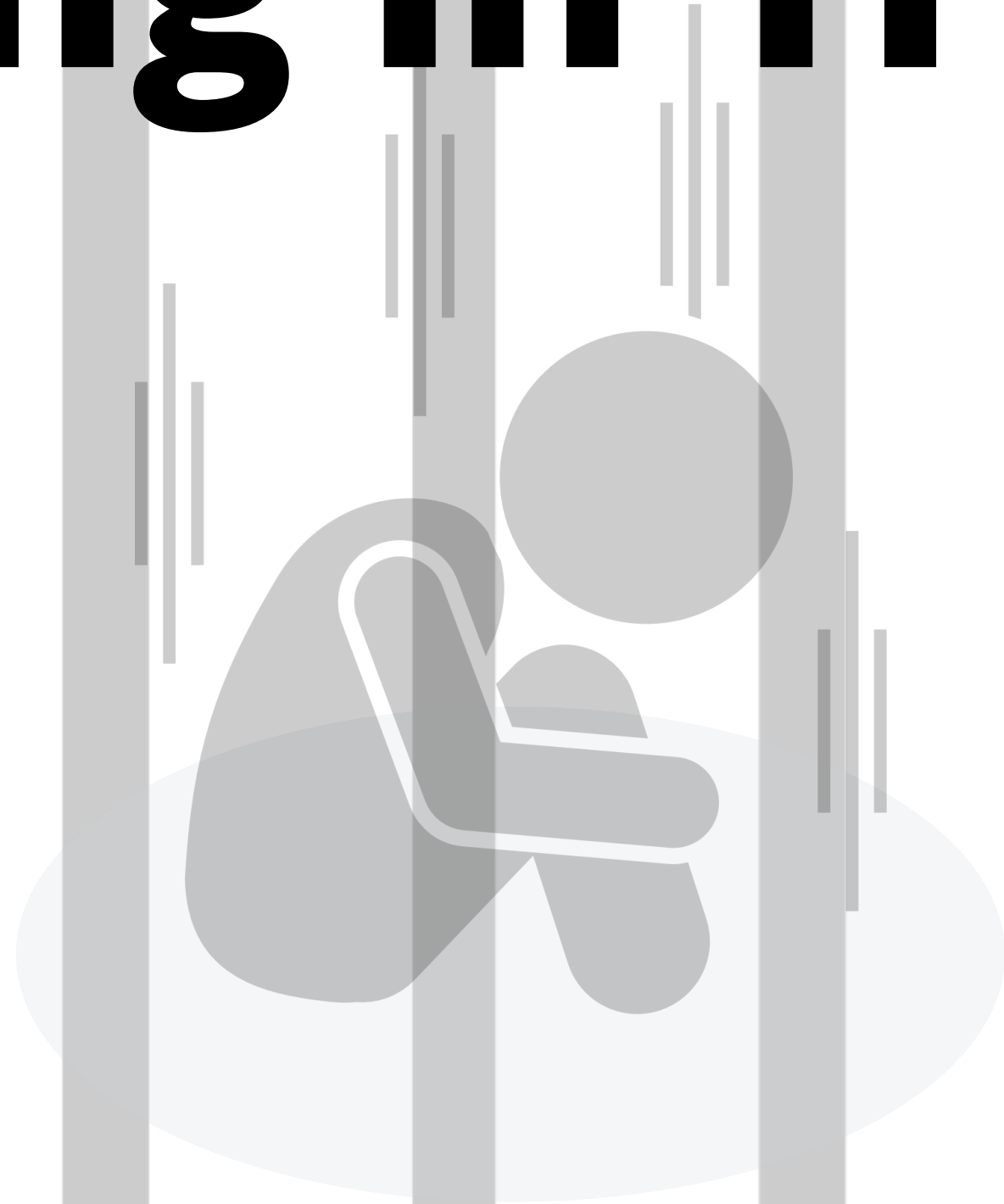
- + Possible drug testing
- + Possible SU assessment and services
- + Juvenile Drug Court or Girls Court (limited access)



Out of home placement

- + Queens Acute Crisis ER
- + Residential programs
- + Incarceration with SU assessment and services

Getting in Trouble





Interventions

Promising practices in Hawai‘i



Puni Ke Ola

promotes culture as health, strengthening protective factors through cultural practices and learning



Pono Lokahi

practices of self-reflection and ho‘oponopono address root causes of behavioral health concerns and healing in family relationships.



Helm, 2013. Withy et al, 2007.

Images: Honolulu Star Advertiser, 2016. Rob Perez and Krystle Marcellus.



Implications for the System of Care



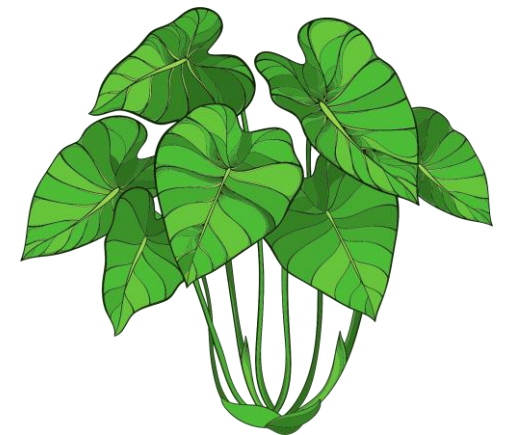
Our system of care can better serve vulnerable youth by:

- enhancing strengths; promoting family, cultural, and community protective factors
- screening and assessing substance use needs earlier
- addressing root problems that impact substance use (vs. punitive response)
- funding and evaluating culturally-grounded and place-based programs to grow our local evidence base



Recommendation

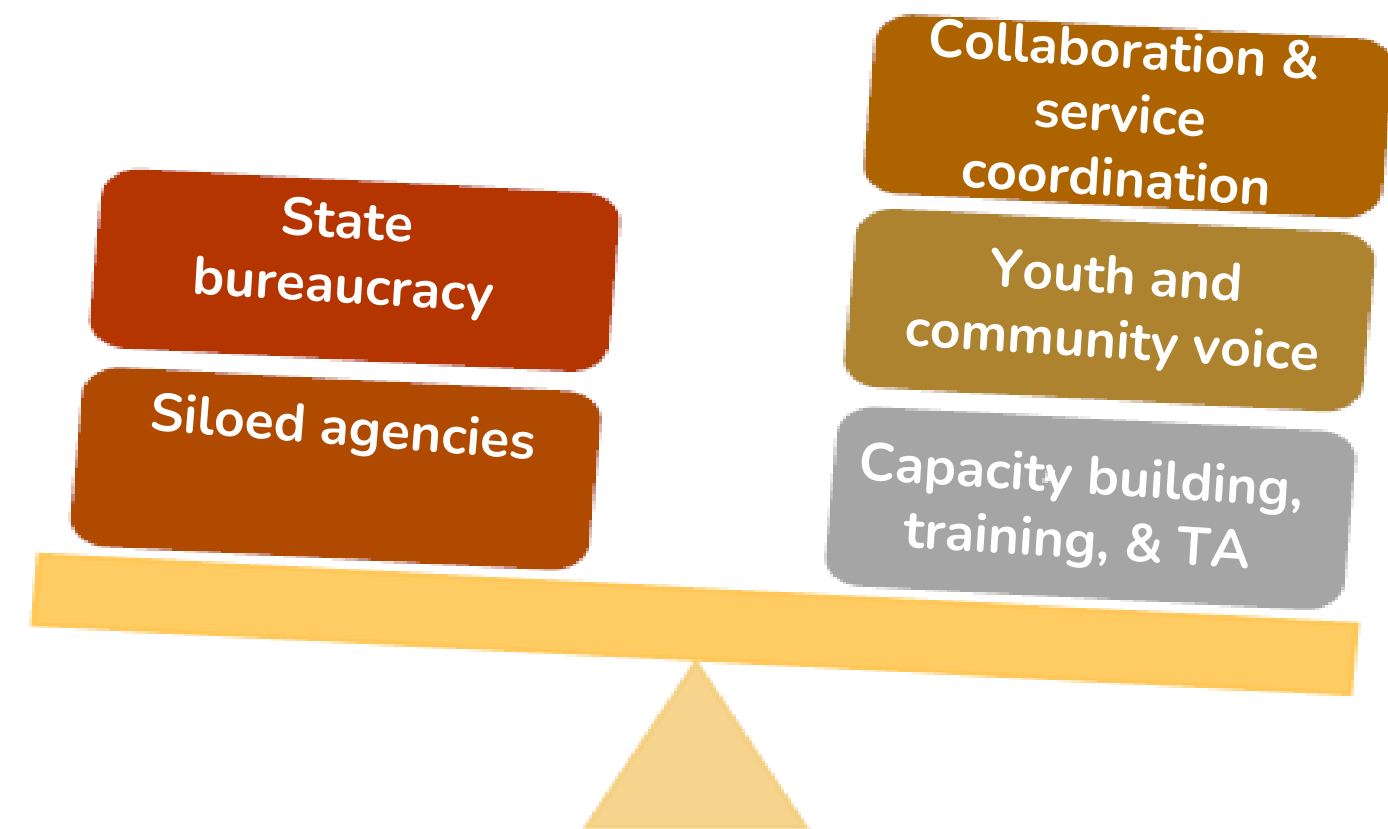
**Build on system reforms;
shift to restorative justice
and culturally-grounded
approaches**





Recommendation

**Develop
collaborative leadership
to sustain restorative shift**





EMERGING 'ŌIWI LEADERS JOIN COMMUNITY OF CHANGE-MAKERS AT OPPORTUNITY YOUTH FORUM

July 1, 2022

Maui Police Department's Positive Outreach Interventions (POI Program)



afyhawaii.com/programs



Mobile Assessment Center (MAC)

A diversion program in partnership with the Honolulu Police Department that targets youth who commit status offenses to prevent them from entering the Juvenile Justice System.

Source:

<https://pidf.org/emerging-oiwi-leaders-join-community-of-change-makers-at-opportunity-youth-forum/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yPDGNWlZPjw>

<https://www.afyhawaii.com/mobile-assessment-center>

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<https://health.hawaii.gov/substance-abuse/state-plan/>

